

Album

Inauguration of the Naval Hill
Planetarium

1 November 2013



Left: The welcoming table at the front entrance

Right: Photographers representing various publications and broadcast media wait inside the planetarium



Left: Mr. Mike Bosazza (Leger Lindbergh Trust), Ms Louise Jones and Dr Clarence Tshitereke (Old Mutual Foundation), Ms [Laetitia Janse van Rensburg](#) (Free State DETEA), Allan Appel ([Hermann Ohlthaver Trust](#)).

Right: Dr Khotso Mokhele ([Chancellor of the UFS](#)) and four learners from Unicom Primary School, winners of the 2013 National [Astronomy Quiz Competition](#), all VIP guests at the event.



Left: Prof Nithaya Chetty (NRF), Prof Ted Williams ([Director of the SAAO](#)), Dr Darragh O'Donaghue ([SALT](#)); all VIP guests who travelled to BFN for the event.

Right: At the control desk, preparing to demonstrate the planetarium technology – Prof Pat Seitzer (U of Michigan), Martin Ratcliffe, Andrew Johnson and Mike Dowling (all from Sky-Skan)



Left: MEC Makgoe (FS Education), Prof Nicky Morgan (**Vice-rector: Operations**, UFS), Prof Patrick Seitzer (UM), Dr Choice Makhetha (UFS), Dr Khotso Mokhele (UFS)
Right: Dr Thomas auf der Heyde (**Deputy-Director General**, DST), Me Monaheng Tsomela (MMM)



Left: Mrs M Schoch, Prof U Schoch (Friends of Boyden), Ms P Lamusse (UFS), Mrs P Seitzer, Prof P Seitzer (UM)

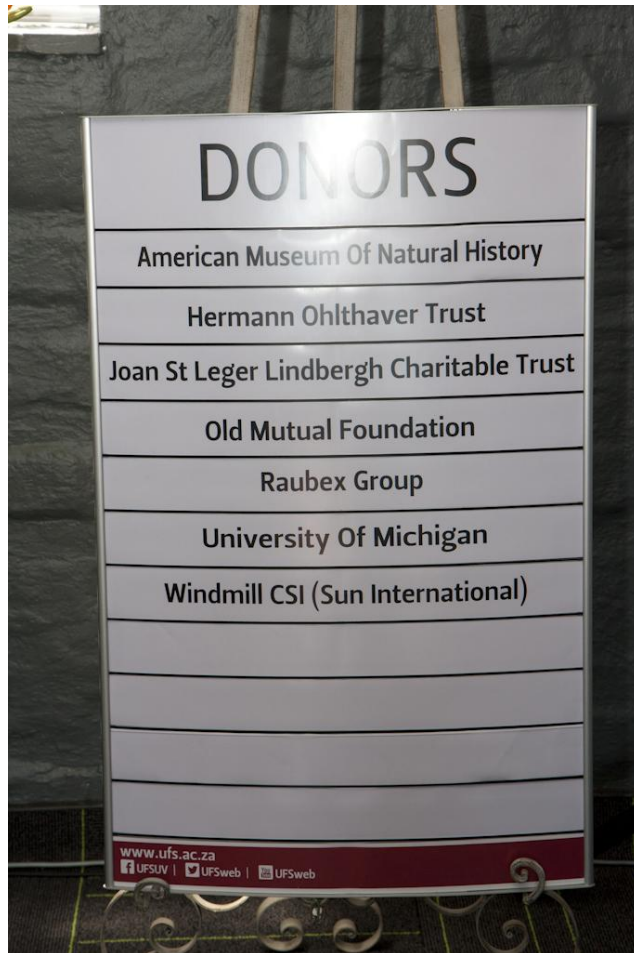
Right: Ms L Coetzee (National Museum), Mrs E Heideman (UFS), Prof N Heideman (UFS), Mr B Olivier (ASSA)



Left and Right: the first audience to see the planetarium in action



Left and Right: boards acknowledging donors and partners



Left: Dr Choice Makhetha (UFS) was the Program Director

Right: Dr Khotso Mokhele (Chancellor of the UFS) welcomed the guests



Left: Deputy Minister of DST, Advocate Michael Masutha gave the keynote address

Right: MEC of DETEA, Mr N Zwane, offered a message of support



Left: Prof Patrick Seitzer from the University of Michigan, which founded the Lamont Hussey Observatory in 1928, read a letter from UM and presented a show called 'Space Junk'.

Right: Prof Nicky Morgan (UFS) spoke about the future of the project



Left: Me Monaheng Tsomela (MMM) delivered the word of thanks

Right: Deputy Minister Masutha being interviewed by SABC TV



Left: Natie Botes (Main Contractor), Liesl Bronn, and Reinier Bronn (Architect)
Right: Prof Matie Hoffman (Project Leader)



Left and Right: Some of the first images to be projected on the dome of the Naval Hill Planetarium

